

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A container blank (1) comprising:  
a bottom-forming wall (3) and two opposite side walls (2), said walls (2, 3) being joined along boundary lines (9, 10, 13) to form an essentially flat container blank (1), the container blank having:  
an upper portion (5),  
a bottom portion (7),  
a central portion (6) defined by the upper portion (5) and the bottom portion (7) and also by a front boundary line (9) and an intermediate boundary line (13), said portions (5, 6, 7) being arranged along the longitudinal axis (L) of the container blank (1), and  
a handle portion (8) defined by the intermediate boundary line (13) and a rear boundary line (10),  
characterised in that  
wherein the intersections (A, B, C, D) between the front boundary line (9) and respectively the rear boundary line (10) and the upper portion (5) and the bottom portion (7) constitute corners of a parallelogram comprising an angle of inclination ( $\alpha$ ) relative to the longitudinal axis (L) of the container blank (1), in which parallelogram the front boundary line (9) forms an angle which is acute towards the bottom portion (7) and,  
the front boundary line (9) and the intermediate boundary line (13) along the longitudinal axis (L) of the container blank (1) give the central portion (6) an essentially symmetrical, frustoconical shape,  
the front boundary line has a concave curvature relative to the central portion, and  
the intermediate boundary line has a concave curvature relative to the central portion.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 1, in which the front boundary line (9) has a complementary curvature to the rear boundary line (10).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 1, in which the handle portion-(8) comprises a handle-forming duct means-(15) intended for gas filling.

5. (Currently Amended) A container blank as claimed in claim 1, in which the bottom portion-(7) and the central portion-(6) together, in a container-(21) made of the container blank (1), define a volume corresponding to at least 80% of the volume intended for the container-(21).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 1, comprising a duct means-(14) intended for filling, said duct means having an extent towards the interior of the container blank-(1).

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 6, in which the duct means-(14) intended for filling tapers towards the interior of the container blank-(1).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 1, comprising a spout-like duct means-(17).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 8, in which the spout-like duct means-(17) has an end portion-(18) with a tear initiation.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 9, in which the end portion-(18) is wholly or partially delimited from the rest of the spout-like duct means-(17) by a zone-(19) weakened by thinning of material, the end portion-(18) being manually separable, by the weakened zone-(19), from the rest of the spout-like duct means-(17).

11. (Currently Amended) A container-(21) produced by filling of a container blank having the features as claimed in any one of claims 1-401 or 3-10.